



MCC

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, April 6, 2014
5th Lent

The Pursuit of Holiness: Humility

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**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

office

Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm

Fri: 8am-12 noon

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is

Wednesday at noon – email to office@mcclv.org

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form.** Write to office@mcclv.org for more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

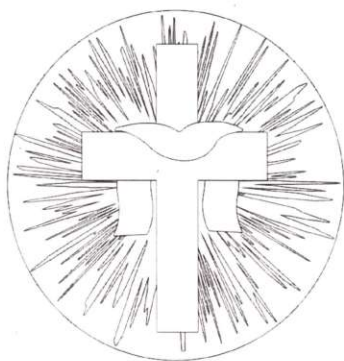
MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Give a Special Easter Gift



Has God provided you with any goodness or grace so far this year? Has God given you new hope or a new understanding?

Has God blessed you or kept you? On Easter Sunday (April 20, 2014) MCCLV will gather and celebrate the resurrection of Christ - praise God for the gift of new life! Give honor to God this Easter by giving a special "extra" Easter financial gift through MCCLV so that your faith community may continue to thrive. Give above your regular financial giving as a thank you for God's goodness, grace, hope and blessings!

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV.

Her current hours at the church are:

Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

(other hours can be arranged upon request).

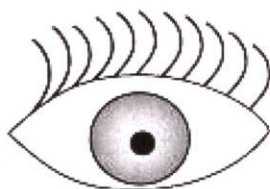
For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.



Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop:

"Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

MCCLV's **Altar Guild** is looking for people who have an eye for design, a heart for good flow and a mind that likes to make sure all the pieces of a puzzle come together.



If that is you, email
Normana Schaaf at:
normana.schaaf@verizon.net

MCCLV Pastor To Serve As Clergy Wellbeing Coach

MCCLV Pastor Beth Goudy has been invited to serve as a Clergy Wellbeing Coach for the denomination of Metropolitan Community Churches. After training, Rev. Goudy will assist in providing pastoral care for clergy, will help in offering programs on developing clergy wellbeing and will serve as an advocate for clergy who are struggling with spiritual, emotional, addiction or other health issues. Rev. Goudy's service will take place within the Office of Leadership & Development, administered by the Clergy Wellbeing Coordinator.



MCCLV Egg-xtra Special Easter Egg Hunt

Come one, come all on Saturday,

April 12th from 2-5 pm

In addition to the egg hunt,
there will also be face painting,
crafts, egg dyeing and snacks!



For more details contact:
Saadia Negron at 484-838-3740
or Barb Colvin at 610-823-2569



Boldly Going...

Do you like playing with the latest
techy gadget or enjoy knowing how
new electronic devices work?

MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the
place to put your tech-hobby to
practical use. Learn how to run
MCCLV's multi robotic camera sys-
tem or how to create the best

sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship ser-
vices flow going using the screens. If you would like to
know more contact Jeff Hayes at: avteam@mcclv.org



MCCLV'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Open every Sunday at 12:00-1:00 PM to
serve the community. The pantry is in
need of donations. Drop off items in
front of the pantry door. Thank you!



*Love the Lord your God,
with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all
your mind and with all your strength!*
Mark 12:30

Earn Money for MCCLV Shopping at AmazonSmile

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to www.smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to www.smile.amazon.com will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as "MCC of the Lehigh Valley" and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board.

Retirees Gatherings

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Come and share some "golden" time with similarly blessed retirees!



For more information, contact
Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or
Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



Bringing Christian Traditions Into Dialogue
HERE AT MCCLV IN 2014!

The
Convergence
Project

Meets every Sunday morning at MCCLV through May 11 at 9:00 AM, facilitated by Robert Schotter, robdean@ptd.net

Sunday April 13 2014: Power and the Alternative Family Values of Jesus

Sunday April 20 2014: Who Wants to be 'Respectable' Anyway? Reading Scripture from the Margins

Sunday April 27 2014: Who Wants to be 'Respectable' Anyway? Reading Scripture from the Margins

Sunday May 4 2014: Who Wants to be 'Respectable' Anyway? Reading Scripture from the Margins

Sunday May 11, 2014: Talk Back and Wrapping Up

FREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS "PEOPLE OF FAITH" VIDEOS

Be a part of MCCLV's 2014 Wednesday Night Lenten Video Series and **FREE Dinners!** Just two dinners remaining! The weekly 30-minute video surveys the history of Christianity in the U.S.

April 9th, 7:00 PM

"Home Grown Saints"

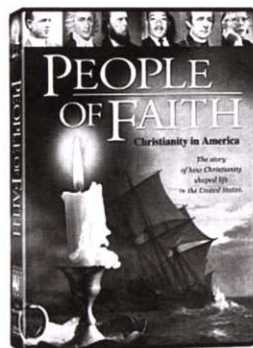
- 20s/30s providing meal

April 16th, 7:00 PM

"The Future of Christianity"

- Worship Team providing meal

RSVP to office@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800.





Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. A Coordinator is needed to serve in this important position that feeds a hungry corner of the Lehigh Valley.

What kind of responsibilities does the coordinator have? The coordinator organizes four weekly trips to the local Farmer's Market for Saturday sell-off, schedules volunteers for the Sunday food give-away and leaflets the neighborhood with the dates & times of the Free Market.

To gladly take on this position, see Rev. Goudy or e-mail rev.goudy@mcclv.org

MCCLV Drumming Meets Twice a Month

MCCLV drumming is held the 3rd and 4th Sundays at 1:00PM. Bring your drum or other percussion instruments. See Kate Rickson - (k.rickson55@gmail.com) for more information.



MCCLV 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Saturday, May 31, 2014

5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

*Chicago Restaurant and Nightlife
1179 Airport Road, Allentown*

Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

Dinner

Penne pasta or linguini in a cream sauce with
sautéed mushrooms, onions and asparagus

OR

Panko encrusted, butterflied chicken breast topped
with creamy mushroom garlic sauce and served
with sides of rosemary garlic mashed potatoes and
sautéed green beans

Dance party with DJ Daniel Alonzo

TICKETS: \$35 per person on or before May 15th

\$40 per person after May 15th

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

See Cheryl Wenhold after service in the
Fellowship Hall (until 12:30 p.m.) to purchase your tickets or
email her at cwenhold@ptd.net



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Are You An Organized Person?

MCCLV is looking for a person to coordinate the church's participation in the annual Pride Festival in August. It is preferred that persons interested in the position have event-planning experience. However, those with no experience but possessing high energy are encouraged to consider it. MCCLV's Pride Coordinator is responsible for creating a church booth, KidSpace and scheduling volunteers for the booth and KidSpace. This is a short-term, high commitment position. See Rev. Goudy or e-mail rev.goudy@mcclv.org to joyfully take on this opportunity!!

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

**Before the throne of the Almighty, humanity will be judged, not by acts but by intentions.
For God alone reads our hearts.**

(Mahatma Gandhi)

Do You Want to Help People Living With HIV/AIDS?

MCCLV is looking for a person to coordinate the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that helps raise funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The MCCLV FACT Games coordinator will be responsible for gathering together a team and organizing participation in this special fundraiser. To joyfully serve in this position, see Rev. Goudy or e-mail rev.goudy@mcclv.org





Food Pantry

Contributions are always needed for MCCLV's Food Pantry, bring in a donation whenever you are able. Volunteers are also needed for the Pantry.

Contact Judy McNally via e-mail at:
njm0@lehigh.edu

20s30s Meets First Fridays

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking for some fun and fellowship? Would you like to connect with others in your age group? Join the fabulous 20s30s crew at their regular gatherings at **7pm on the first Friday of every month** at MCCLV. It's a great place to meet others with common goals and kindred spiritual journeys.

For details contact Scott George e-mail:
smgmcclv@gmail.com



MCCLV is collecting donations for food cards every **2nd Sunday of the month** after the worship service. Consider making a donation to help those in great need of reducing their grocery store bills. Questions? Contact Michaela Rivera or e-mail her at rednegshart@aim.com



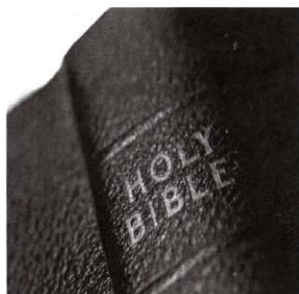
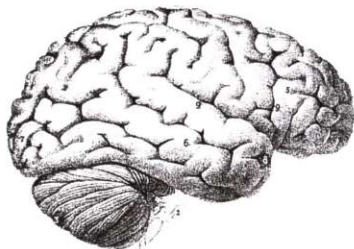
MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to
www.youtube.com and search **MCC LV**.

Feast Your Brain on the Bible for 9 Weeks!

Starting in May, MCCLV will host an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies will be led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled *"Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So*

Much They Want to Marry It?" The 1 Corinthians study is titled *"A Conflicted Church"* and the 2 Corinthians study is titled *"A Conflicted Church, Continued."* All are welcome and warmly encouraged to grow in Biblical knowledge, wisdom and interpretation. For more information contact the Pastor at rev.goudy@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800.



May 21 at 7pm: Romans 1-4
May 28 @ 7pm: Romans 5-8
June 4 @ 7pm: Romans 9-12
June 11 @ 7pm: Romans 13-16
June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13

HIV Positive Support Group

A HIV support group at MCCLV **meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.**

The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net



FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group is **not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.



A FORGE group is a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.



FORGE South Leaders:

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Elaine Ely pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



FORGE East Leaders:

Barb Baus babaus@hotmail.com

Lauren Sheldon laurenesheldon@gmail.com



FORGE West Leaders:

Scott George smgmccclv@gmail.com

Ron Smith rsmith.mccclv@gmail.com



Do You Play An Instrument?

If you are proficient in Guitar or Bass MCCLV's Joyful Noise Worship Band is looking for you! The Band rehearses weekly on Thursdays @ 7pm during Lent. Contact Brian Jones for more information



Want to Know More About MCCLV?

Learn about the blessings that your church is experiencing right now at a Congregational Forum on **Sunday, May 4**. The gathering will start with a **Potluck Meal at 12:00PM**, followed by the **Forum from 12:30-2:00PM**. Strategic goals will be reviewed, along with updated financial information. All are welcome, no need to be a church member. Thank you in advance for all that you have done so far in 2014 to glorify God through MCCLV - your time, talent and treasure really do make a difference!



Centering Prayer Group

**Centering Prayer begins
Wednesday, May 21**

**6:00pm
MCCLV's Prayer Room**

**Meeting weekly on Wednesdays
through July**

**Seder Dinner
April 17, 2014
7:00PM
MCCLV Sanctuary**



The Deacons of MCCLV cordially invite you to a Celebration of Family and God's protection - a Seder Dinner on **Holy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00PM** in the Sanctuary.

There is no cost for this event but reservations are required. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider bringing your family or a guest.

Calling All Readers!

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed.

MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months of August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term



activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the Pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also, if you have experience with the publishing industry or using the services of a literary agent, see the Pastor.



UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

Palm Sunday: April 13, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:19-29 & Matthew 21:1-11

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"A Parade of Righteousness"**

Good Friday: April 18, 2014 @ 7:00pm

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 4:14-16 & 5:7-9

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Reverent Submission"**

Easter: April 20, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34-43 & Matthew 28:1-10

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"No Partiality"**

2nd Easter: April 27, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 & Psalm 140

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"So There's No Partiality With God Yet Why Is
The World So Partial?"**

3rd Easter: May 4th, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Preaching: Rev. Bob Life

Sermon Title: **"Road to Emmaus"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 57:13-18

When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you!

The wind will carry them off,
a breath will take them away.

But whoever takes refuge in me shall possess the land
and inherit my holy mountain.

It shall be said,

'Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way.'

For thus says the high and lofty one
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the humble,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

For I will not continually accuse,
nor will I always be angry;
for then the spirits would grow faint before me,
even the souls that I have made.

Because of their wicked covetousness I was angry;
I struck them, I hid and was angry;
but they kept turning back to their own ways.

I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;
I will lead them and repay them with comfort,
creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips.

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is 3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
3/30/14	100	\$2,036.87
3/23/2014	94	\$2,491.49
3/16/2014	99	\$4,584.50
3/9/2014	84	\$1,544.12

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:

Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org

20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality,
Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Spiritual Formation:

Robert Schotter | robdean@ptd.net

Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming
and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Bank,
Messengers Art Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,
Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda
see any Board Member**

MCCLV DEACONS

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby,
Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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